

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed 12/29/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 15 and 18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-13, 15, and 18 are allowed.

Claims 1-11 are allowable since the prior art of record does not teach an ink jet printing apparatus comprising a time measuring portion operable to measure a time which has passed after installation of the ink cartridge of the ink jet head, the flushing control portion being operable in the first mode after the time measured by the time measuring portion has reached a predetermined threshold, and in the second mode before the time has reached the predetermined threshold. It is these limitations, in combination with other features and limitations of claim 1, that make claims 1-11 allowable.

Claims 12-13 are allowable since the prior art of record does not teach an ink jet printing apparatus comprising a time measuring portion operable to measure a time which has passed after installation of each of the plurality of ink cartridges on the corresponding ink jet head, the flushing control portion being operable in the first mode after the time measured by the time measuring portion has reached a predetermined threshold, and in the second mode before the time has reached the predetermined threshold. It is these limitations, in combination with other features and limitations of claim 12, that make claims 12-13 allowable.

Claim 15 is allowable since the prior art of record does not teach an ink jet printing apparatus comprising a time measuring portion operable to measure a time which has passed after installation of the ink cartridge on the ink jet head, the flushing control portion being operable in the first mode after the time measured by the time measuring portion has reached a predetermined threshold, and in the second mode before the time has reached the predetermined threshold. It is these limitations, in combination with other features and limitations of claim 15, that make claim 15 allowable.

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Claim 18 is allowable since the prior art of record does not teach an ink jet printing apparatus comprising a time measuring portion operable to measure a time which has passed after installation of each of the plurality of ink cartridges on the corresponding ink jet head, the flushing control portion being operable in the first mode after the time measured by the time measuring portion has reached a predetermined threshold, and in the second mode before the time has reached the predetermined threshold. It is these limitations, in combination with other features and limitations of claim 18, that make claim 18 allowable.

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Communication with the USPTO

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelby Fidler whose telephone number is (571) 272-8455. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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